

RECORDER RECITAL - ST. MARTIN SCHOOL

The forty-two St. Martin students who participated in the extra-curricular recorder programme this school year under the direction of Alina Syposz and Betty Hanley presented a Recorder Recital for their parents on Wednesday, June 14. The recital featured ensemble works, duets, trios and a display of specific skills developed throughout the year. Also included was a description of a newly designed recorder programme which allows students to progress from one level of proficiency to the next at their own rate. The programme aims to increase general musicianship by developing such skills as ear training, sight reading, playing by ear, improvisation and composition as well as playing pieces. Miss Syposz and Mrs. Hanley and the students are to be congratulated for their performances and a very successful year's work.

RECREATION CENTRE AND FACTORY OPENED

The grand opening of the Pays Plat Recreation centre and Snowshoe factory was held Saturday, June 10th with a large gathering of dignitaries and friends.

The celebration started with the Sports and Recreation Committee of Verna Morriseau, Wm. Thompson and Rene Wannikamik holding a sports program for the children from 1 - 4 p.m. There were races, jumps and ball games. Hot dogs, ice cream and pop were enjoyed by the young people.

Bill Thompson was the publicity chairman for the event. From four o'clock till five thirty a tour of the hall and snowshoe factory was held. The hall has a large fireplace made of local stone. The buildings have cedar siding, cream painted wall-board inside and polished hardwood floors. The buildings are electrically heated. The hall has a back and front entrance porches, a large sized store room, two washrooms and a kitchen. The factory has a steamer for preparing the wood for the snowshoes, racks, frames, machinery etc to shape the shoes, electric saws and other equipment in tools for the manufacture of coffee tables, wall racks, lawn chairs, end tables, love seats etc. Several of these items were on display.

Seated at the head table for the banquet were Chief Gerry Bouchard of the Indian Band #51; Hugh McMorrow, Indian Affairs; George Guthrie of Manpower and Immigration; John Hatton of Culture and Recreation; Patrick Denane of Indian Affairs; Councillor Riel Bouchard of Band 51; Bob Fraser of Fraser and Browne Architects; Jack Stokes M.P.P.; John Cebrario, consultant of M. Cebrario; Alvin Averrary of Whitby, instructor of snowshoe making. When called upon each voiced their appreciation of the work by the band in the building of the hall and factory and furniture manufacturing.

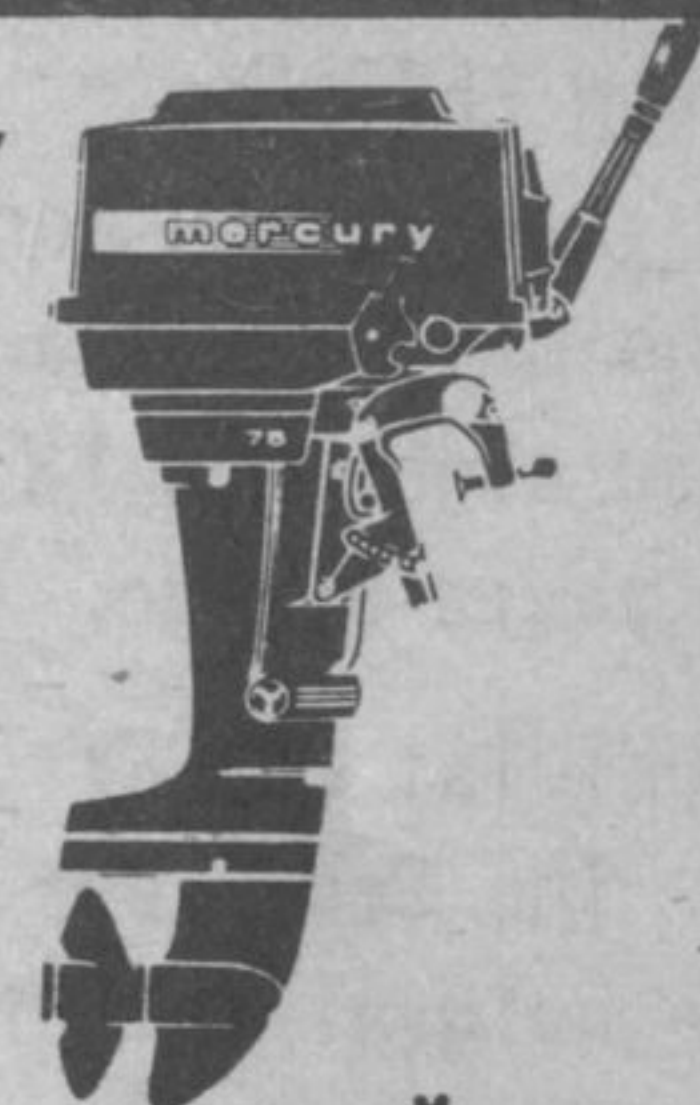
The Indian band set their goal high, accomplishing much and doing an excellent job. With hard work, grants and their own fund raising, they managed to build, furnish and purchase equipment for the recreational hall and factory. These employ local residents of the mission to create native handicrafts. It all goes to show what a community effort can accomplish when all pull together. All were heartily congratulated for their achievements.

Following the banquet, another tour was made of the area,

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